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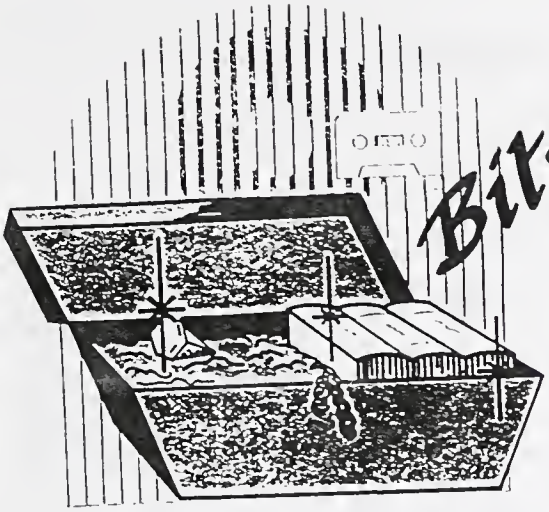

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FOR THE BLIND AND
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STATE DOCUMENTS COLLECTION
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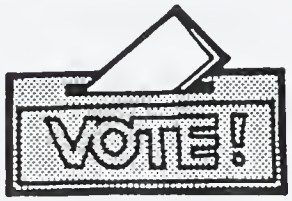
SUMMER 1993

COMPUTER TALK

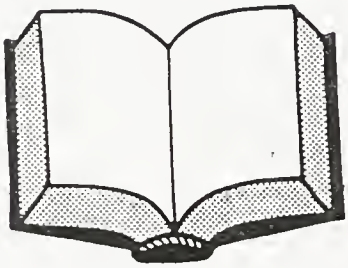
As you may know the library uses computers to keep track of the books you want, the books you now have and the books you have already read. Because of limitations of the computer system we have to reduce the size of the of the 'Has Had' files, the file of the books you have read. We will delete the records in all 'Has Had' files before June 1, 1990. As a result of these deletions, you may receive a book you have already read. This will probably not happen often. We regret any inconvenience this may cause you but it is necessary to keep our computers happy.



NAME CHANGE?

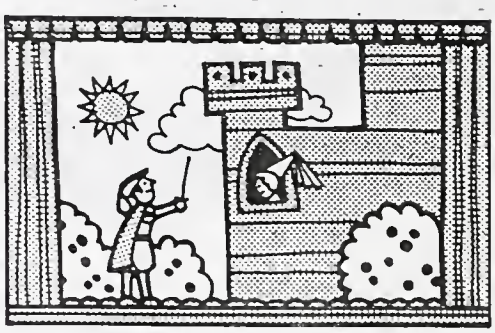
We are thinking of changing our name and would like your opinion. When the National Library Service was established in 1931 it provided library service only to blind adults. Since that time the service has expanded to

include service to both children and adults with low vision, a physical disability that prevents them from holding a book or turning a page or a reading disability because of an organic dysfunction. Furthermore, the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) encourages the use of the word disabled instead of handicapped. The name we are suggesting is **Montana Talking Book Library**, which puts the emphasis on the type of collection we have and does not categorize the people served. You may or may not agree with this; please let us know. It is your library and we will abide by your wishes. To express your opinion give us a call at 1-800-332-3400.



LARGE PRINT

The National Association for the Visually Handicapped loans large print books by mail to the visually impaired all over the country. They can be contacted at: NAVH, 22 W. 21st St., New York, NY 10010 or by calling (212) 889-3141.



DESCRIPTIVE VIDEO LIBRARY

The Montana State Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped will be purchasing descriptive videos to establish a small descriptive video lending library.

The initial collection of videos will be purchased with memorials given in memory of Jon Richard Beck, 15, of Silver Star, Montana. Jon died in February from injuries suffered in an accident. Jon had problems with his vision and very much enjoyed using the 'talking book' services. The library thought it was appropriate to remember Jon by

starting a service that we hope will bring enjoyment to old and young alike.

A descriptive video is specially adapted for visually impaired users. The sound track of each video is modified with short descriptions inserted during breaks in the dialogue of the action, settings, costumes, and facial expressions. Some hit movies available with descriptive video are: Ghost; Dumbo; Star Trek V: The Final Frontier; Honey, I Shrunk the Kids; Pretty Woman; The Hunt for Red October; Beaches; Fatal Attraction; Raiders of the Lost Ark..... and several others.

This is a new project for the library, and we have not established all of the policies and procedures. We would like to have twenty people volunteer to participate in a 'pilot project' for the first three months. This would help us determine the best way to proceed with the lending of the videos. Some initial policies will be:

1) The borrower must be a registered user of the Library for the Blind & Physically Handicapped.

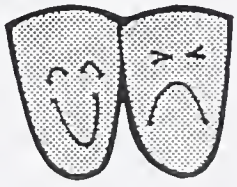
2) The library will not furnish equipment. The borrower must have a television set and a VHS video-cassette player to play the video.

3) Each video will be sent postage-free in a self-mailing container. It may be returned to the library postage-free in the same container.

4) Each video will circulate for a period of 3 weeks from the time it leaves the library.

5) Only one video may be checked out at once.

If you would like to participate in this pilot project, please call the library. The first 20 qualified people will be chosen.



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IN MEMORY OF JON BECK

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Sterling Heights, MI

Patricia C. Chupailo
Shelby Township, MI

Mary & Robert Leech
Grosse Point Woods, MI

R.J. & Ann McCarter
Grosse Pointe Park, MI

Diane M. Meyer
Warren, MI

Lena F. Myles
Roseville, MI

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Twin Bridges, MT

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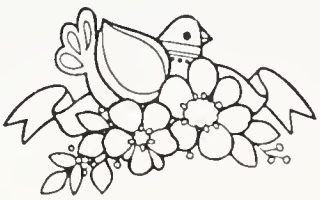

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Westpark

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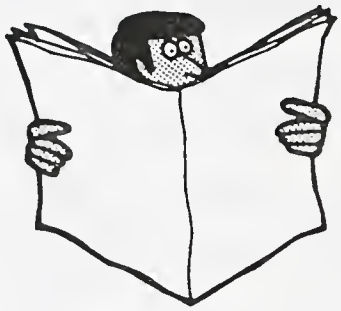
BRAILLE TELEPHONE CALLING CARD

The AT&T Calling Card and Custom Calling Card are now available in braille. The cards display in braille the user's permanent calling card number, which can be used to make calls without using change. Instructions and card information are also provided in braille. Details are available from AT&T by calling 1-800-942-6021.

HELP FROM MONTECH

If you need help finding assistive devices from the simplest to hi-tech, you can get assistance from MonTECH. They are collecting information and will maintain a database that will keep track of assistive devices available for loan or lease. For more information, call toll-free 1-800-732-0323.



JOB OPPORTUNITIES

Job Opportunities for the Blind is a publication of the National Federation of the Blind and the U. S. Department of Labor. It is available on regular speed cassette and contains articles of interest to job seekers and jobs listed by region of the country. Each job description includes job title, requirements, salary and how to apply. The free cassette is available from: Job Opportunities for the Blind, 1800 Johnson St., Baltimore, MD 21230. (1-800-638-7518). It may also be borrowed from The Montana State Library for the Blind Physically Handicapped by calling 1-800-332-3400.

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LIBRARY USERS OF AMERICA, PURPOSES AND INFORMATION

The purposes of this national representative organization are (1) to promote the availability and use of libraries, radio reading services, and other special information media and entities which affect the availability of services providing cultural, social, occupational, recreational, or informational reading needs of blind and visually impaired individuals; (2) to encourage the development, acquisition, and use of technology which would enable blind and visually impaired persons to use printed material independently both in a library setting and elsewhere; (3) to seek solutions to service inequities arising from geographical, technological, attitudinal, or informational barriers which have the effect of limiting access to libraries, radio reading services, or other media and related entities by visually impaired persons; and (4) to do any lawful thing which may facilitate the accomplishment of the purposes contained herein. Patricia L. Price is Treasurer of Library Users of America. LUA has chapters in several states. It is a non profit corporation formed in 1986 and is one of the 21 special national affiliates of the American Council of the Blind. Its periodical is in braille, large print and on cassette tape. Annual membership dues are $7.00. Its annual conference will be in San Francisco in July.

THE AMERICAN COUNCIL OF THE BLIND

The Council has affiliates in every state except Montana. It was formed in 1961. Its free magazine is the BRAILLE FORUM, published in braille, cassette tape, large print and on MSDOS computer disk. Annual dues for a voting membership at large in the Council are $5.00. Its annual convention will be in San Francisco, July 3-10. For more information, write or call Ms. Sutton, at Suite 720, 1155 15th Street, N.W., Washington, D.C., 20005; 202-467-5081 or 1-800-424-8666 between 1 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. MDT, Mon.-Fri. Also, call the 800 number and ask for the Washington Connection to get the latest national legislative and governmental news, between 4 pm. and 10 p.m. MDT and on week ends.

COUNCIL OF CITIZENS WITH LOW VISION INTERNATIONAL

FOR MORE INFORMATION OR JOINING, WRITE OR CALL Patricia L. Price, President of C.C.L.V.I., at 5707 Brockton Drive, No. 302 Indianapolis, Indiana, 46220; 1-800-733-2258, 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m., MDT, or Sharron Eastman Miller, Montana Chair, 2212 4th Ave. North, Great Falls, Montana, 59401; 406-761-0482.

C.C.L.V.I. already has members in Montana and is forming a statewide chapter. We invite participation in our state and national conferences. Our annual national conference will be in San Francisco at the Airport Marriott Hotel, starting on July 4, 1993.

Annual membership dues are $10.00.

Our quarterly periodical is published in large print and on cassette tape. C.C.L.V.I. was formed in 1978. It is a tax exempt membership corporation. It is 1 of the 21 special national affiliates of the American Council of the Blind.

The Council of Citizens with Low Vision, International is an advocacy organization, the purposes of which are:

1. To establish the right of persons with low vision to make full use of their vision through all necessary aids, services, and technology.
2. To provide a mechanism through which low vision people can express their individual need, interests, and preferences.
3. To educate the public, the professional, and the low vision people themselves as to the potentialities, capabilities, and needs of such persons.
4. To establish outreach programs to ensure that all individuals with low vision have access to necessary services.
5. To promote needed research to prevent blindness and improve maximum utilization of sight.
6. To support the development of pre-service and in-service professional training programs to expand comprehensive low vision services throughout the country.

Grant Mack and Patricia Price attended the centennial celebration of the Montana School for the Deaf and Blind.

OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES

If you are interested in all kinds of outdoor activities the staff and volunteers at Eagle Mount are waiting to help you. Eagle Mount is a non-profit organization that promotes recreation for people with disabilities. For more information on how to participate, contact the Eagle Mount office closest to you:

Eagle Mount Center
6901 Goldstein
Bozeman, MT 59715
586-1781

Eagle Mount: Billings
P.O. Box 20233
Billings, MT 59104
245-5422

Eagle Mount: Great Falls
P.O. Box 2983
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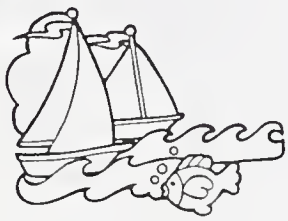
454-1449



GREETING CARDS

Braille greeting cards are available from serveral sources at very reasonable prices. Listed below are several addresses where information can be obtained.

Prophecy Designs
P.O. Box 84
Poundpond, ME 04564

Lisa Mammarelli
1218 Illinois Ave. Apt. 1
Pittsburgh, PA 15216

The Hadley School for the Blind
Braille Holiday Card
P.O. Box 299
Winnetka, Illinois 60093-0299

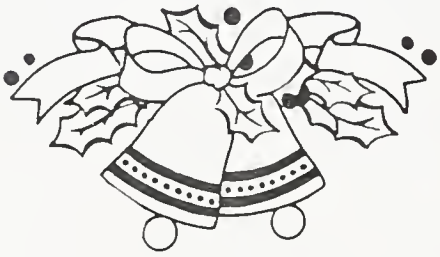
Mr. Stephen P. Mickey, P.O. Box 172, 224 West Main St., St. Nazianz, WI 54232

SUMMER READING PROGRAM

Spring has sprung, and the staff at the Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped are gearing up for the 1993 Summer Reading Program. All children up to the age of 14 may participate.

How does it work? Just read a book and then tell us a little about it. You should have received the details for the program, but if you haven't be sure to give us a call at 1-800-332-3400.

The theme this year is "Many Faces, Many Stories". The program will start June 14th and end August 16th. Please join us for fun, prizes and lots of GOOD READING!!



CHRISTMAS!!!!

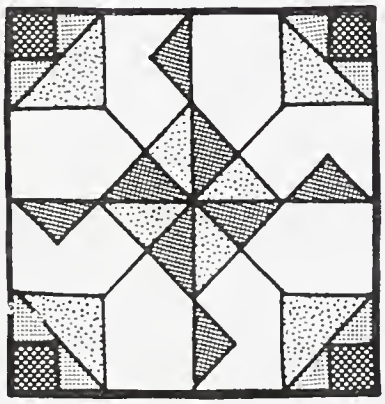
Christmas may seem a long way off but we are already planning our tree. For the past two years the Library for the Blind has entered a tree to be auctioned off in "The Festival of Trees". The proceeds of this event go to the Intermountain Deaconess Home for Children. Would you like to join us in this fun endeavor? If so, please send a home made ornament for the tree. The tree will be labeled from the Staff and Patrons of the Library for the Blind. We need your ornament by October so we will know what size tree to decorate.

NLS CONFERENCE

The staff from the Library returned in May from a three-day conference in Salt Lake. We met with representatives from the National Library Service and staff from other state libraries. We were able to voice our concerns and to brainstorm with other

librarians to find solutions. We wish to thank you, the patron, for your patience while we were gone. A special THANK YOU to our many volunteers who watched the office and answered the phones in our absence.

LARGE PRINT and Braille instruction books for making afghans, bath accessories, Christmas ornaments, bazaar items, baby clothes, toys, pot holders, recipes, house plant care and vegetable gardening are available. For a price list, contact Horizons for the Blind, 7001 N. Clark St., Chicago, IL 60626 or call 1-312-973-7600.



RADIO SHACK

Radio Shack has a "compact disk/cassette adapter". This adapts equipment to be used in the car and played through the car speaker. A patron tried his cassette with it and reported it worked. The part # is 12-1951. The price is around $20. Radio Shack also has mono-headsets that will work with your cassette so you get sound out of both earpieces.

THE VOICE OF THE DIABETIC is a quarterly magazine published by the diabetic division of the National Federation of the Blind. It is available free in regular print or on cassette. To order contact: Ed Bryant, Diabetics Division, National Federation for the Blind, 811 Cherry St. Suite 309, Columbia, MO 65201 or call (314) 875-8911.

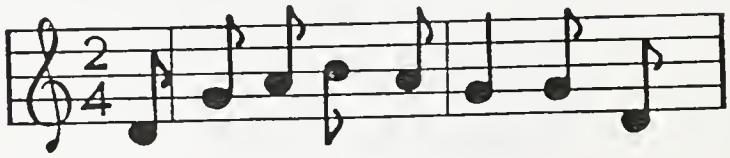
ROZEK'S

Rozek's magazine is now available in Braille, large-print, and cassette editions. Rozek's features no advertising, illustrations, or photographs-placing its emphasis on the text. Each issue features a profile of a remarkable American. Subscriptions are $10 for a year of six issues ($18.00 for 2 yrs.) and can be obtained by sending a check or money order to Rozek's, 3424 10th Ave. West, Seattle, Washington 98119. Please specify Braille, large print, or cassette.

This newletter is also available on cassette tape.

LARGE PRINT MUSIC

Two collections of large-note piano music are now available, and a third will soon be produced. "Through the Years, Golden Standards" and "All Time Christmas Favorites" are now available at $9.95 a copy. Coming soon is "America's Favorite Songs, A Community Songbook." These books include large-print lyrics as well as large-note music. For more information contact CPP/Belwin, Inc., P.O. Box 4340, Hialeah, Florida 33014-9969. Make checks payable to Music Ventures, and include $2 for postage and handling in addition to the $9.95 per book.



THIS SERVICE MEANS SO MUCH TO ME
by Scarlett Miles

I hate to think what life would be,
For those of us who cannot read or see;
Without talking books, and tape machines;
Life would be so sad it seems.

I cannot see to drive a car,
But talking books sure take me far,
To places I will never be,
I go there as you read to me.

They take me to the Western Plains,
Through mountain snow and forest rain,
To the Artic, the Amazon, on stormy seas,
I travel as you read to me.

They take me with the proud Massai,
At sunset neeth' their African sky,
With Aborigines I dream their dreams,
I dwell in caves and swim in streams.

From talking books, I've learned to type,
To cook, to garden, to fix my bike,
To heal my childhood, to trace my roots,
To play guitar and Indian flutes.

I've learned of wolves and feathered wings,
Of healing herbs and spiritual things,
Of prophets, prayers, and ancient times,
Of war and peace, of laughs and rhymes.

I'm thankful for access to information,
Which comforts and heals the isolation,
For us who cannot read or see,
This service means so much to me.

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